

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claim 157 is pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claim 157 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurematsu et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,153,752 (“KUREMATSU”) in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”).

Element [c] of Claim 157 has been amended to recite “passing a plurality of portions of each separated electromagnetic energy beam through a respective one of a plurality of means for changing the orientation of the electromagnetic wave field vector in a single direction ....”

KUREMATSU discloses a projector that implements the reflective type LCDs so that light passes through the LCDs twice in two opposite directions.<sup>1</sup> The projector configuration disclosed in KUREMATSU would not work with non-reflective type LCDs (e.g., transmissive type, etc.).

Based on the foregoing amendments, claim 157 should be in condition for allowance.

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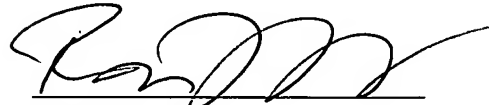
<sup>1</sup> “First to third liquid crystal panels 25R, 25G, and 25B of the reflection type ....” KUREMATSU, col. 5, lines 26-27.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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